

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to Applicant's response and amendments filed 10/15/2007. Applicant has submitted new claims 66-81. Thus, claims 66-81 are examined.

2. Applicant's summary of the interview of 6/19/2007 is acknowledged.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher J. Nichols on 12/12/07.

In the claims

4. Please amend the claims 66, 72, 75 and 76:

66. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising:
a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO[.]: 2 or
b) the amino acid sequence of amino acids 24 through 189 of SEQ ID NO[.]: 2;
wherein said sequence comprises a G45R SNP.

72. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to
a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO[.]: or
b) the amino acid sequence of amino acids 24 through 189 of SEQ ID NO[.]: 2;

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wherein said sequence comprises a G45R SNP and said polypeptide exhibits at least one antiviral activity, antiproliferative activity, or immunomodulatory activity;

wherein said antiviral activity is against vesicular stomatitis virus or encephalomyocarditis virus;

wherein said antiproliferative activity is against TF-1 or Daudi Burkitt's cell line;

wherein said immunomodulatory activity is dendritic cell maturation, cytokine release by monocytes, CD4+ T-lymphocytes, or CD8+ T-lymphocytes.

75. (Amended) The polypeptide of claim 72, wherein said amino acid sequence is at least 97% identical to the amino acid sequence of amino acids 24 through 189 of SEQ ID NO[.]; 2.

76. (Amended) The polypeptide of claim 72, wherein said amino acid sequence is at least 99% identical to the amino acid sequence of amino acids 24 through 189 of SEQ ID NO[.]; 2.

5. Claims 66-81 are allowed.

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